GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENTS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has issued supply orders to various companies for the equipments and other material meant for increasing the telephone lines capacity of G.S.M., W.L.L. and basic telephones;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the said material is likely to be supplied;

(d) the details of the capacity of various circles likely to be enhanced after receiving this supply, circle-wise;

(e) whether any other equipments have also been identified to improve the network; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) BSNL has issued purchase orders against 2G/3G Combo tender for a capacity of about 8 million lines of GSM mobile equipment to M/s Ericsson for the circles as detailed in Annexure-I. For other circles, the procurement process is in progress. The material supply shall commence from April, 2008 onwards upto February, 2009.

As regards WLL equipment, 30.52 lakh lines Code Divdision Multiple Access (CDMA) WLL equipment was ordered on M/s Indian Telephone Industries (21 lakh lines) and on M/s United Telecoms Limited (9.525 lakh lines) during November / December, 2006. Most of the equipment is already supplied and rest is likely to be received by December, 2007. Presently, the equipment is in various stages of installation and commissioning.

(d) Circle-wise capacities likely to be enhanced after receiving this supply is given in the Annexure-I for GSM and at Annexure-II for WLL.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise in view of (e) above.